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H. R. 954

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of bone mass measurements for certain individuals under part B of the medicare program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 17, 1993

Ms. SNOWE introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce

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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Medicare Bone Mass Measurement Coverage Act of 1993".

SEC. 2. MEDICARE COVERAGE OF BONE MASS MEASUREMENTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x) is amended—

(1) in subsection (s)—

(A) in paragraph (12)(C), by striking "and" at the end,

(B) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (14) and inserting "; and",

(C) by redesignating paragraphs (15) and (16) as paragraphs (16) and (17), and

(D) by inserting after paragraph (14) the following new paragraph:

"(15) bone mass measurement (as defined in subsection (oo));"; and

(2) by inserting after subsection (nn) the following new subsection:

"Bone Mass Measurement

"(oo)(1) The term 'bone mass measurement' means a radiologic or radioisotopic procedure performed on a qualified individual (as defined in paragraph (2)) for the purpose of detecting bone loss through the use of single and dual photon absorptiometry, dual energy X-ray absorptiometry or similar dual energy techniques, or quantitative computed tomography, and includes a physician's interpretation of the results of the procedure.

"(2) For purposes of paragraph (1), the term 'qualified individual' means (in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary)—

"(A) an estrogen-deficient woman at clinical risk for osteoporosis;

"(B) an individual with vertebral abnormalities;

"(C) an individual receiving long-term glucocorticoid steroid therapy; or

"(D) an individual with primary hyperparathyroidism.".

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—The Social Security Act is amended by striking "paragraphs (15) and (16)" each place it appears in sections 1864(a), 1865(a), 1902(a)(9)(C), and 1915(a)(1)(B)(ii)(I) and inserting "paragraphs (16) and (17)".

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to bone mass measurements performed on or after January 1, 1994.

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